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# Public Involvement

FACT SHEET, November 2005

## SEEKING YOUR COMMENTS on the Soil Removal Plan for the Future Middle School

Located at Indian Avenue and  
Santiago Drive, Moreno Valley

### Introduction

We invite you to review and comment on a plan submitted by the Val Verde Unified School District (VVUSD) to remove and dispose of contaminated soil from the future Middle School site located at Indian Avenue and Santiago Drive in Moreno Valley. The objective of the cleanup is to prevent potential exposure to the contaminants by removing them prior to completion of construction.

Our agency, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), ensures the cleanup work meets the state and federal standards that protect the public's health and the environment. The VVUSD is responsible for removal of the soil and the construction.

As required by law, the VVUSD conducted environmental investigations at the site with the oversight of our Department. Pesticides (mainly DDT and Toxaphene) were found in soil samples in concentrations above DTSC's health risk levels for school sites.

### IN THIS FACT SHEET YOU WILL FIND:

- ▶ What we found
- ▶ How it may have gotten there
- ▶ Why and how Val Verde Unified School District plans to clean it up
- ▶ How you can tell us what you think
- ▶ Who to contact for more information



## Site History

The land was open, undeveloped and used for irrigated and dry farming since at least 1931.

## What We Found

The VVUSD conducted environmental investigations at the school site in 2004 and 2005. Soil samples were collected and tested. These investigations found concentrations of mainly two pesticides, DDT and Toxaphene in soil samples that are above DTSC health risk levels for school sites. The area found to have high levels of pesticides is located in the south east portion of the site. *Please see the map (AREA B) on page 4 of this fact sheet.*

## How the Chemicals Got There and Why a Cleanup is Needed

The pesticides Toxaphene and DDT, may have come from dry farming and other agricultural operations conducted on the site since at least 1931.

DTSC determined that the cleanup is needed to prevent future exposure from these harmful chemicals.

## How Val Verde Unified School District Plans to Clean It Up

The proposed cleanup plan is to dig and remove approximately 554 tons of contaminated soil. The soil will be loaded onto trucks (about 24 truckloads) and transported off the school site for proper disposal. The trucks are expected to exit the Site on Iris Avenue and travel east to Perris Boulevard, north to Cactus Avenue, and west to the 215 Freeway. The soil will be transported to a State approved disposal facility in Beatty, Nevada.

The work is scheduled to begin in late December 2005 and the cleanup is expected to last about 2 days. After the cleanup, soil testing is to be done at the school site to confirm cleanup goals have been achieved.

## Notice of Exemption

DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The NOE document states that the project will not have significant negative effect on the environment because for the short duration, relatively small amount of contaminated soil to be removed and the controlled way the soils will be dug out, loaded onto trucks and taken away to an approved /permitted facility for disposal.

## TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

### Public Comment Period:

**November 23, 2005 – December 22, 2005**

The cleanup proposal (called a draft Removal Action Workplan, or RAW) for the future middle school located at Indian Avenue in Moreno Valley is available for you to review and make comments. Please send comments, postmarked by December 22, 2005 to:

Mr. Amit Pathak, Project Manager, DTSC  
5796 Corporate Avenue  
Cypress, CA 90630.

## **WHERE TO FIND SITE DOCUMENTS (Technical Reports)**

The Draft Workplan and other project documents are available for your review at the following locations:

### **Val Verde Unified School District**

Facilities Department, Bldg. I  
975 W. Morgan Street  
Perris, CA 92571

Phone: (951) 940-6107

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm

### **Perris Public Library**

163 E. San Jacinto Street  
Perris, CA 92570

Phone: 951.657.2358

Hours: Monday, Thursday & Saturday  
10:00am-6:00pm

Tuesday & Wednesday 12:00pm-8:00pm

Sunday 1:00pm-5:00pm

### **Department of Toxic Substances Control**

Regional Records Office  
5796 Corporate Avenue  
Cypress, CA 90630  
Contact: Julie Johnson for appointment

Phone: 714.484.5337

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

For more information about our department, please visit our website at:  
[www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov)

## **WHO TO CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**If you have questions about the  
Removal Action Work Plan,  
please contact:**

### **DTSC Public Participation Specialist**

Jeanne Matsumoto; 714.484.5338  
or email: [JMatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:JMatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov)

### **DTSC Project Manager**

Amit Pathak; 714.484.5468  
or email: [APathak@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:APathak@dtsc.ca.gov)

For media inquiries, please call

### **DTSC Public Information Officer**

Jeanne Garcia; 818.551.2176  
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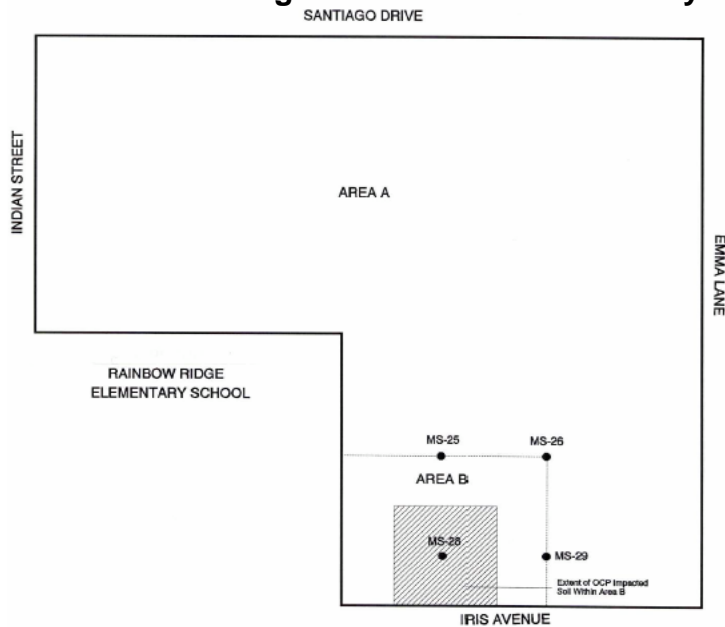
## **NOTICE TO HEARING IMPAIRED**

TDD users can obtain information about the Site by using the California State Relay Service 888.877.5378 to reach the Public Participation Specialist.

## **MEETING ACCESSIBILITY**

For accessibility and to request reasonable accommodation, please contact Jeanne Matsumoto at (714) 484-5338

**Proposed Middle School  
East of Indian Avenue and  
South of Santiago Avenue in Moreno Valley**



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